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SUBJ: A "NEW KUWAIT" FOR ANGOLA?

1. LOCAL PRESS MORNING NOV 25 GAVE MAJOR FRONT PAGE TREATMENT STORY HEADLINED "NEW KUWAIT DISCOVERED BY GULF OIL ON THE WEST AFRICAN COAST." STORY, DATELINED LONDON AND APPARENTLY REHASH ARTICLE IN LONDON OBSERVER, DESCRIBED FIND AS BEING BOTH OFF-SHORE ANGOLA'S CABINDA ENCLAVE AND OFF-SHORE STRIP ZAIRE COAST BETWEEN CABINDA AND REST OF ANGOLA. ACCOUNT CONTINUED WITH TITILLATING "INSIDE INFO" THAT MOBUTU AND GULF (AND PRESUMABLY ALSO PORTUGUESE) HAD AGREED PIPE ZAIRE CRUDE ACROSS CABINDA TO ZAIRIAN POL TERMINAL TO NORTHEAST. CONCLUDING COMMENT IN VERSION PUBLISHED HERE WAS DIRECT QUOTE OBSERVER STORY TO EFFECT DECISION PIPE ZAIRE CRUDE ACROSS PORTUGUESE TERRITORY WILL BE "ENORMOUSLY EMBARRASSING TO MOBUTU."

2. BUBBLE BROKEN IN LUANDA AFTERNOON PRESS FOLLOWING DAY (NOV 26) WITH WIRE SERVICE STORY FROM PITTSBURG DESCRIBING "SURPRISE" REGISTERED BY GULF SPOKESMAN WHO STATED HE NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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AWARE OF ANY SUCH NEW FIND. COVERAGE CONTINUED WITH STATEMENTS

THAT BOTH A "HIGH OFFICIAL" OF MINES AND GEOLOGY SERVICE
HERE AND LOCAL CABINDA GULF DIRECTOR TOLD NEWSPAPER NO RECENT
FIND OF PERSIAN GULF DIMENSIONS HAS BEEN MADE. SUBSEQUENT
QUOTES ATTRIBUTED TO GULF OIL TERM OBSERVER ARTICLE
"FLAGARANTLY FALSE."
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